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SUBJ: INDIA EASES EXPORT CONTROLS TO NEPAL

1. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN EMBASSY JANUARY 9 GOI HAS AGREED TO REDUCE EXPORT CONTROLS ON 54 ITEMS OF HARDWARE AND METAL PRODUCTS TO NEPAL, THEREBY PARTIALLY REVERSING DECISION TAKEN IN 1975 TO APPLY SAME STANDARDS TO NEPAL AS THOSE APPLYING TO EXPORTS OF GOODS TO NEIGHBORING STATES SUCH AS SRI LANKA OR BANGLADESH.

2. NEW REGULATIONS SPECIFY THAT 45 ITEMS MAY BE EXPORTED TO NEPAL AT PREVAILING INDIAN DOMESTIC PRICES WITH NO QUAITITATIVE QUOTAS. AN ADDITIONAL 9 ITEMS, INCLUDING BARBED WIRE, CAST IRON PIPES AND STEEL RODS CAN BE SOLD AT DOMESTIC RUPEE RATES, BUT ARE LIMITED TO 2000 TONS PER ANNUM. HMG OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT QUOTAS ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FOR NEPAL'S NEEDS AND THAT REAL IMPORTANCE OF DECISION LIES IN ABILITY TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS AT INDIAN DOMESTIC PRICES. FOUR ITEMS, INCLUDING STEEL ROD,SHEETS AND PLATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SOLD THROUGH STATE
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3. COMMENT: HMG OFFICIALS ARE CLEARLY PLEASED AT GOI WILLINGNESS TO REVERSE EARLIER REGULATIONS AND SEE THIS AS CONCRETE BENEFIT ACCRUING FROM PRIME MINISTER'S POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH GOI. THEY ARE ALSO QUICK TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HOPE THIS IS FIRST STEP WHICH WILL BE EXTENDED TO OTHER ITEMS ON WHICH QUOTAS WERE PLACED FOLLOWING THE DETERIORIATION OF RELATIONS IN EARLY 1975. CARGO

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